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1. RE PARA 3 MANAGUA 2275.

A. BRAY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT MEET WITH PRESS IN
MANAGUA.

B. POST SHOULD PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR NEWSMEN.

C. PHOTOGRAPHS BEFORE LUNCH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE BUT
IN VIEW NATURE OF LUNCHEON WE HAVE DECIDED UPON,
REPORTERS SHOULD NOT BE THERE.

D. WE WILL WANT ALL MEMBERS TRAVELING PRESS TO BE
ABLE TO ACCOMPANY SECRETARY ON VISIT TO CHANCERY DEDICA-
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TION AND TOUR OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE. WE ARE ESPECIALLY HOPEFUL OF COVERAGE OF VISIT TO EARTHQUAKE DEVASTATED AREA, IN LIGHT DEGREE TO WHICH EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE AND OUR ASSISTANCE IN RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS WAS INVOLVED IN DECIDING UPON NICARAGUA AS CENTRAL AMERICAN STATE SECTY WOULD VISIT.

2. RE MANAGUA 2286 AND 2312.

A. CONVOY TAKING SECRETARY TO CHANCERY AND NATIONAL

GOVERNING COUNCIL SHOULD INCLUDE ONLY MEMBERS OF PARTY ATTENDING LUNCHEONS PLUS PRESS. REST OF SECTY'S PARTY SHOULD BE TAKEN SEPARATELY TO WHEREVER EMB PLANNING TO MAKE LUNCHEON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM. PRESS WILL JOIN REST OF PARTY AFTER STOP AT NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL. SEPARATE TRANSPORT WOULD ALSO APPLY DURING AFTERNOON VISIT TO CHANCERY, ETC. WHERE ONLY OFFICIAL PARTY AND PRESS WILL ACCOMPANY SECTY. PLEASE ADVISE US OF WHAT ARRANGEMENTS YOU WOULD PROPOSE TO MAKE FOR REST OF GROUP, WHICH WE WILL WANT KEPT TOGETHER WITH COMMON PROGRAM. WE WILL WANT ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY OTHER THAN THOSE WITH SECTY TO BE ON BOARD AIRPLANE FULL HALF HOUR BEFORE DEPARTURE.

C. WILL SOMOZA AND FONMIN HAVE ANYONE ELSE WITH THEM IN PROPOSED 3: 5 MEETING WITH SECRETARY?

D. IS THERE ANYWHERE IN TOUR OF DEVASTATED AREAS OF CITY WHERE SECRETARY MIGHT STOP THAT COULD FOCUS PUBLIC AND PRESS ATTENTION ON PRIMARY CONCERNS OF NICARAGUANS. WE WOULD PREFER TO MAKE STOP THAT WOULD CREATE NICARAGUAN FOCUS THAN TO STOP AT SITE OF DESTROYED CHANCERY, WHICH WE WOULD THEN SIMPLY DRIVE PAST.

E. AT WHAT POINT IN VISIT AND HOW DOES EMB RECOMMEND GIFT EXCHANGE TAKE PLACE. SECTY WILL HAVE GIFTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS FOR GENERAL SOMOZA AND NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL AND FONMIN.

F. REST OF SCHEDULE LOOKS SATISFACTORY AS AMENDED BY YOUR 2330.

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G. WE WOULD LIKE YOU ON BASIS THIS GUIDANCE TO SEND BACK REVISED SCHEDULES SHOWING WHOLE DAY'S PROGRAM FOR SECRETARY AND VARIATIONS FROM IT RESPECTIVELY FOR (A) CASEY, (B) ACCOMPANYING WIVES AND (C) MEMBERS OF PARTY WHO WILL NOT BE FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE. WE WILL THEN GIVE YOU FINAL FORMAL APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE. ROGERS

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